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FINWEL PAXON'S CAMPAIGN.

BY BROKING M. HAMILTON.

Back in his store, on a July day, 1863, eat the small dapper figure of Finwell Faxon, whe, as the sign outside an sounced, and the contents of the store implied—dealt in "groceries, dry goods and notions." Near by—her large, routind person well fitting the capacious rocking chair in which she was seated—seen." Mr. Faxon was one of these flowers. Indeed, so much confidence had an eliminate on the many flowers. Indeed, so much confidence had enjecturing; some with open mouths in his theory, that he had serious foundations of feightened visages, taking in at a others) consisted in an industrious mov-J.C. GOODRICH. W. W. BIRKHEAD, swallowed, and which Mr. Faxon may have thought included mental aliments as the solution of tool detect to swallowed, and which Mr. Faxon may have therefore deemed, from his experience, to say, and were looked upon with much be the "coming man" for the occasion— disfavor. Indeed, Squire Nailor, who II well. Anyhow, his mental food was well intelligible to Mr. Faxon, until the rose from his seat, and with great dignity, was full of self-congratulation, and Gen-DR. BIRKHEAD will be in the office all the time. Dr. GOODRICH will only be here from time to time, due notice of which will be given. Gas for the PAINLESS extraction of teeth administered at all times by Dr. Birkhead.

August 31, 1871.—vén2éyi cellent incentives to slumber, we all no doubt acknowledge, and Mrs. Faxon pos sessed these incentives in an eminent unnoticed, behind a flour barrel, to become a play thing for the little gray

How quiet it was in Elderbush that day! Aye! how quiet in the cities, villages, and hamlets, all over the North ! yet far away in a southern land thousands of dear, brave boys were falling like leaves in autumn time, before the deadly fire of ity, fell like a thunderbolt on the commu armed rebellion. No sound of the fierce uity. and shell, reached those northern homes No dying groun, or last faint cry for mother, wife, or sister, ere the lips became silent forever in death-fell in the faintest degree on those far home spots. Ah, no! yet wives were being made widows, children fatherless, and mothers childless. Hearts were being wrung and from the startling effect it seemed to chanic at his bench, and the merchant at torn with anguish-and it was all quiet, peaceful and still at home. God bless the soldier boys! say we with all our heart. All honor to the empty sleeve! gone down in the shock of battle -that portions would admit. As she reached great, union cry of the dead, who in platoon and column, are marching with a look of her husband, she exclaimed : tarmp, tramp, down the ages forever! For them -

"No morning gun from the dark fort's embrasure, No bugle note with soft and thrilling measure, Shall awake with its call.

However, we did not pick up our pen to moralize -only to weave in some sort, out of our own varied experience, a story. We have stated it was quiet in Elderbush, and after dilligent research through the columns of his paper, Mr. Faxon also discovered it was "all quiet on the Po"

Snatched what? who's been snatchin' the cause of liberty go down in darkness tomac." This important announcement taking off his spectacles, exclaimed :

"Goodness sikes, if it don't beat all

have been better off.

"What's that you said. Faxon -any. last terrible suspicion. thing goin' wrong ?" asked Mrs. Faxon,

from his chair, and pacing up and down returned. the floor excitedly, with his hands behind him, slightly elevating his diminutive "we don't intend to stand here and be into everybody's face in the most mild coat tails.

"Sakes alive! what's the matter with ye?" said the new thoroughly aroused then you go down and see what they're in his Sunday clothes, and had also just Mrs. Faxon. "Didn't your dinner 'gree goin' to do to defend the town." heard of the death of his grand mother. with ye? Better take a little of that bonset tea."

"Oh, no! 'tains my dinner-it's the bring in calicoes, musisns, and other dry re election as Justice of the Peace, and Army of the Potomac. Here, instid of goods, which had been bung out an who thought the present would be a good

tieved Mrs. Faxon, leaning back in her putting up the outside shutters, the meetin' on the great—great questions of chair and closing her eyes, satisfied even church bell rang forth in tharp, quick the hour; an 'specialty about John if the ermy of the Potomae and heaven peaks, very different from the decorous Morgan's raid comin' onto this town, should both fell.

behind the counter, reached down from sere running hither and thishes with se serchief. andermeath a buge placard advertisement definite object, dogs were berking, and Again of somebody's "unparalleled sashing children crying. Attogether, Elden- one foom up on the platform, soop"—a dilapidated, Ty specked was back was exceedingly alarmed. Things "In there any to second Sq map, which he had cut out of a pictorial being made fast and secure, Mrs. Fexon paper two years before. With this on- let her kashand our of the door, closed, curete specimen of the goog. locked, and touble bareed is behind him, soice from the sornes. sophy and topography of the "seat of then placing the icon pokes ness hes, to

chief.

practice of the art of reading (like many recking with sweat and foam, while his rider- a countryman in his shirt sleeves, Morgan - John Morgan is coming!"

> Morgan made his famous raid through from weekly newspapers, and from occasional hearsay; but beyond these sources thus addressed the meeting : of information they knew little or noth- "Fellow citizens, I cannot railroad or telegraphic communication one of the humblest of your citizens, with other places. They were totally unprepared for the advent of the ubiquitus raider, and the bare announcement a meeting so important, and I may aid, of his presence in their immediate vicin

So it did on Mr. Faxon. He leaned speechless for a moment. Mrs. Faxon past the store, shouting as he went. What it was he said, she did not know, but supposed it to be something unusual, she rose from her chair and started for All honor to those dear ones who have the "front" as rapidly as her large prothe door, and her eyes met the woe begone

> "Why Faxon! what in the world ails ye! what ye standin' there for like a American Eagle -emblematic of our lib dummy?"

the matter?

anything from ye?" asked the worthy and gloom?" (cries of "no, no!") did not seem to coincide with Mr. lady, casting a hasty look about her, ap Faxon's ideas of crushing a rebellion, for parently searching for the supposed as be threw aside his paper impatiently, and sailant, to take instant revenge in case weep over our downfall? No, no, fel-

Sam Hill! I do wish the President rebel gineral Morgan is comin' onto the city—that the men of Elderbush may would decompose some of them ginerals, town, Samantha, an' be'll jist burn every die, but they never, never will be slaves, and put better men in their places. It's standalous, the way they're doin' things." I wouldn't wonder a bit if he hadn't state after state may sink into oblivion, Mr. Faxon's use of appropriate words heerd about our store afore he left the and the old banner be trailed in the was not always certain, and it is likely South, an' that's jist what he's comin' dust; but above all -above the ruins of he means depose instead of decompose; for now. Like as not be sent spies on the republic, shall float, solitary and though from our own remembrance of ahead, too. I mind, yesterday, a significant lookin' man was in here tryin' to that Elderbush performed her duty.'

Army, we think, may be, he was not far wrong, and if some of the Generals had been "decomposed" the country would been "decomposed" the country would be was a spy?" and Mr. Faxon looked anxiously into his wife's portance of the occasion, the chair will have been better off. face as though to find relief from this now listen to any suggestions that may

Mrs. Faxon was the most courageous v5nly1 disturbed from her nap by the vehement of the two, yet even her heart sank when his seat amid a storm of cheers, which he speech of her spouse. "A peaky sight is wrong, I should stood pale and irresolute, but only for a great men usually manifest on such occa-ink," said the little merchant, rising moment; then her presence of mind sions. The "suggestions" the General

butchered like sheep. Now, stir your amazement, as though every last one had self, Faxon, an' let's shot up the store, left the "suggestions" he owned at home

of the door and began energetically to Squire Nailor, who was a candidate for follerin' up the incmy, they're gone into camp and lost all they've gained by their example, Mr. Faxon pus himself vigor-non-delay, when they might jist as well thands, baskets of posatoes, and barrels of the chees, I move, if I git ary have taken Richmond as not."

"Is that ait? I thought mebbe you flour disappeared inside the escore is mas they were the feelin' welt," enswered the re-vicious quick time. Just as they were tions, expressin' the feelin's of this

war," he sat down beside his wife, and "break the first rebels head who put his Nailor, fellow-citizens, a motion replete with a "now, Samantha, look a here," he foot in that there buildin." she placed with patriotism, and with the ring of the began to demonstrate how he would take the silver spoons in her bosom, stuffed true metal in every word, and in which I Richmond if he were the commander-in- ber stockings with fractional currency and greenbacks from the till, and sat down We suppose during the late war there in the darkened store to await the issue

worthy couple had just finished dinner; writing, and forwarding them to the gulp the most extraordinary statements; and it being a very warm, sultry day, Secretary of War for the future guidance some with faces pale, but lips firm set and the good people of Elderbush village of the government. Unfortunately for talking quietly of means of defense preferring the shulter of their homes to the government, he never did so. The largest of these groups was atout and the good people of Elderbush village preferring the shelter of their homes to exposure to the sun, there were, therefore, no customers in the store at the time. Mr. Faxon had been to the post-office, and having returned with the conscientious reader, and a firm believer—had cocked himself back in his chair, so that his round, shining, bald pate, rested against a show-case, placed his steel spectacles firmly over his nose, arched his eve brows so as to get a good between the government. Unfortunately for the government, he never did so.

In the present instance, Mr. Faxon had the countryman who had brought the countryman who had brought the countryman who had brought the "hero of the hour." He told, as though to him it was an effect of ordinary occurrence, how he had come upon the raiders as they were destroying a railroad bridge some ten miles distant; how, with steel spectacles firmly over his nose, arched his eve brows so as to get a good barking of Jogs, and general confusion, of the confederacy to no considerable. steel spectacles firmly over his nose, at once discover, from the cloud of dust, as ne went, and decreasing the properties of the confederacy to no considerable blackberries. Frerybody thought every-arched his eye brows so as to get a good barking of dogs, and general confusion, of the confederacy to no considerable blackberries. Frerybody thought every-thing ought to be immediately done, and war news before him. Mr. Faxon's came dashing down the street, a horse disbelieved, according to the credulity of enough military plans were offered to intu the kitchen, till everything upon the his listeners. At length, old Generel Grandervack, who had served in the miing of the lips, probably on the principle begrimed with dust-gave evidence with litia, and been to the legislature, and who sive measures; others for an immediate of those health writers who advertise his horse, of having journeyed fast and always took command of Fourth of July evacuation of the village. These last thorough mastication of food before it is far. As this "solitary horse man" rushed and Sunday School processions, and was were in the minority, we are happy to throw'd a candy ball sock intu one of mi chewed before it reached the intellectual speaker passed opposite the door, when walked solemnly up the sisle to the Grandervick did not hesitate to tell them stomach. As for Mrs. Faxon, theoreti the little merchant's heart sank within platform, and seated his two hundred "they were a set of runnycates and him as he caught the dread words - and odd pounds of responsibility in an they'd better go and jine the rebels, end of mi bran new britches a sticken to arm chair. At this overt act the people It may be proper to state here, that it began to settle themselves in such seats was in July, 1863, that the rebel John as they found convenient, and all eyes were turned upon the great man before the states of Indiana and Ohio. The them. Silence being secured, General people of Elderbush had heard of Mor Grandervack slowly arose, and swelling degree, so the knitting rested quietly in gan, and something of his movements forth with the importance of the occasion, her lap, and the ball of yarn rolled down, from weekly newspapers, and from occa- and in tones of nasal ponderousness.

> "Fellow citizens, I cannot but deeply (here the General bowed in self abase ment) "in requesting me to preside over fellow citizens, so pregnant with-with results." (Applause) "Why is it, my fellow citizens, that we are gathered here to day in this sacred building? Is it to against the door post nerveless and engage in worship? Is it to indulge in testivities or social recreation? Would had also heard the noise, and seen the to fleaven! my fellow-citizens, that I horseman dash down the street and could answer yes; but truth turbids But a short hour sgo, and you were all engaged in the peaceful avocations of life. The farmer at his plow, the me have upon her husband. Carefully place his store. Now, how changed! Fellowing the unflaished sock in her knitting citizens, I ask you—why this change? bag, for Mrs. Faxon was a careful woman. Why are we here to day? It is because," (the speaker here lowered his voice porentiously, and shook his finger at the audience as though shaking out some terrible secret, word by word), "it is because civil war reigns within our midst. Yes, fellow citizens, at this moment the erties -- sits with folded wings and straintremely impatient Mrs Faxon. "What's silent and dumb; the eyes of all-all, my us by a land agent as Colonel Mosby. said assailant should be within reach. low citizens, let us arise as one man, and "Nobody, as yet; but they will. The tell the proud foe who dare threaten our

be offered. General Grandervack then resumed was waiting for, did not seem to come "Well s'posin' he is coming," she said ; forth freely, whereupon everybody looked heard of the death of his grand mother. As she spoke, Mrs. Faxon stepped out As length, after a profound silence,

notes it usualty gave forth on Sundays; and the Squire sas down and siped Mr. Fanon made no reply, but going white in the streets, mos and women his face profusely with a red hand

Agnin die General Geandervach's fig "In there any to second Squere Mailou's mofine ?" be asked.

"You have heard the metion of Equite make a fire and put the teakettle on."

true metal in every word, and in which I fully concur. Are there any remarks?

patriotism or metallic ring came in, but olins, and over I coes.

Squire Nailor swallowed the "soft solder"
(for such the General intended it to be) when we got to old man Jones' the house with face glowing with satisfaction, and became henceforward a strong supporter of General Grandervack's congressional aspirations; (as the General intended he should.)

"There being no remarks, I will put

A bustle and confusion at the door caused the speaker to pause, as the dis-turbance was so great that his words ould not be heard. In a moment another dust begrimed mearenger appeared, who, walking up to the center of the pitched into pullin." church-announced in a loud voices now coming in the direction of Elder-

bush! Confusion reigned again, and the "suggestions" that were so scarce a few start a first class General in business. Some were for offensive and some defen-"they were a set of runnygates, and where they belonged.'

General Grandervack rapped loudly to call the meeting to order, and at length he succeeded in reducing the tumult somewhat, so such definite action could be taken as the urgency of the case de-manded. It was decided that those who could procure horses should do so, and ect as cavalry, to pursue the enemy-or be pursued, as the case might be-while ing. being an isolated village, with no feel the honor you have conferred upon the others should serve as infantry support. General Grandervack was of course, unanimously chosen commanderin chief of the Elderbush mounted and dismounted infantry, and he forthwith established his head quarters at the church. The people were then requested to go home, and report back as speedily git. as possible, fully armed and equipped, to which General Grandervack added the remark:

the lives of prisoners taken with arms in his hands, who are draced in citizen clothing. Therefore, every man will uniform himself as far as possible."

Col. Mosby.

A Northern paper contains the follow ing pen and ink sketch of the famous

the war, and relates some wondrous per the man, you are perfectly willing to be lieve all he says is true, sed the mind guards itselfa gainst any doubts, partic larly while in his presence.

Just before reaching Warrenton June tion, the Colonel was approached by a somebody from Philadelphia, and after a moment's conversation, said

"Colonel, I had a near and dear friend. who was an officer in one of our l'ennsylvania regiments, and he was lost one night while on picket duty near herethey say captured by your men. Nothing has been heard of him since that night, and I thought I would make bold to introduce myself and ask if you knew anything of him. His name was D ---Lieutenant D -

"Yes, I killed him myself; and he is the only man that I am positive I killed some papers he had on his person, and we gave him a decept borial the next frolic too." morning. I will be pleased to show you where he sleeps at any time, or render you any other assistance in my power.'

'Warrenton," the Colonel shakes the hand of the Philadelphian in a peculiar manner, a brotherly smile of recognition passes between them, another peculiar 'shake' and out marches the "Guerrilla Moeby," "Wolf of Picdmont," "Fox of the Valley," with a slight "stoop in the shoulders," and in that soose shambling manner common to men whose lives have been spent in the saddle."

"Satt" de the subject of a school-boy's latest composition : "The salt is a spice which spoils the potatoes, if you forget to put it in."

A countryman going isto the Probate office, where the wills are keps in huge volumes on the shelves, saked if they were all bibles. "No, sir," said one of the clerks, "they are only ecstaments."

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I had a heap of trouble last Christman rue metal in every word, and in which I and I'll tell you how it happened.

Ully concur. Are there any remarks?"

Dekin Jones gave a candy pullin, and
It would be hard to say where the I got a stool, as they say in North Car-

was chuck full. Dog mi cats of there was room to turn round!

That was Suze Harkin-she's as big as a skinned horse-and six other Harkins, and Simmonses, and Peuigrews, and the school master and his gal, besides the old the question," resumed the General dekin and the dekiness, and enough little deckinesses to set up haif a dozen young folks in the family bizness.

Well, himby the pot begun to bile, and the fun begun. We all got our places ready, and put flour on our hands to keep the candy from stickie, and then we

Wasn't it fun ? I never saw sich leffin'

and cuttin' up in all my born dose.
I made a candy bird for Em. Simmons. Her and me expects to trot in double harness one of these daze. She made a candy goose for me.

Then we got to thrown' candy balls intu one another's hair, and a runnin' from one side of the house to tuther, and out place was all gommed over with candy.

I got a pine bench, an Em. Simmons sot close to me.

I made a bulg to run after her, and

heard something rip.

My stars alive! Wasn't I pickled? I looked around, and thar was the gable-

the pine bench. I backed up agin the wall sorter crawfish like, and grinned.
"Sut," said sister Poll, "what's the matter?"

"Shut up ?" sez I.

"Sut," says Em. "come away from that wall; you'll get all greasy."
"Let her greese!" sez I, and sot down

on a washboard that was lying across a tub, feelin' worse than an old made at a

Purty soon I felt somethin' burt and purty soon it hurt again.

Ice-whis-I jumpt ten feet hi, kicked over the tub, out flew old Jones' Christmas turkey, and you ought to seen me I cut for tall timber now, jumped

staked and rider fences, and marked down brush like a runaway herikan till I got home, and went to bed and staid there

Ef old Jones' barn burns down next winter, and I am arrested for it, and ef any body 'peers as a witness agin me, I'll bust his doggon'd hed! Them's my sentiments.

A Painful Frolic.

Among the choice spirits of Charles Il.'s days it was the custom, when a geninches high, broad shouldered, heavy by way of doing her great honor, to cut close, keep way cut close, keen gray eyes, sharp, thin fire, an example which his companions nose, firmly set mouth, protruding chin were bound to follow by consuming the Mr. Faxon made no instart reply.

"Speak man — I know ye ain't dumb!"

site armies are breathless and still. At ontered one car and me interest of the guests at a said the thoroughly aroused and now ex-Sedley had on a very rich lace cravat, The Colonel is a very blunt man in his when he named his toast committed his the matter?"

"Oh, Samantha," gaspingly uttered the suspense, upon Elderbush in this aw ful little man, "jist to think! Here we've crisis." (Applause.) "Shall Elderbush Be is rather proud of his contest."

The Colonel is a very blunt man in his conversation; has his likes and dislikes, when he named his toast committed his conversation; has his likes and dislikes, which he does not attempt to conceal. Be is rather proud of his contest. He is rather proud of his exploits during and the rest of the party were obliged to do the same. The pret bore his loss formances that "my men" did. And he with great composure, observing that it tells it in such a menner that, knowing was a good joke, but that he would have as good a one some other time. He watched therefore his opportunity when the party was assembled on a subsequent occasion, and drinking off a bumper to the health of Nell Gwyne, he called the waiter, and ordering a tooth drawer into gentleman, who introduced himself as the room whom he had previously brought to the tavern for the purpose, made him draw a decayed tooth which had long plagued him. The rules of good fel lowship, as then in force, clearly required that every one of the company should have a tooth drawn also, but they very naturally expressed a hope that Sedley would not be so unmerciful as to enforce the law. Deaf, however, to all their remonstrances, persuasions and entreaties, he saw them, one after another, put themselves into the hands of the operator; and, while writhing with pain, added to their torment by exclaiming: "Paduring the war. My men brought me tience, gentlemen, patience; you know you promised that I should have my

> A blushing damsel had a man and dog The cars stop, the brakesman cries charge of assault and battery on the dog's part. When asked what the dog did she said it bit her. When saked where, after considerable besitation and blushing, she explied: "Un the left drumstick.'

> > The Washington Chronicle says that Grant's stables at Washington, when finished (estimated cost, \$50,000.) will attract many visitors, and "any be as much sought after an the famed stables of the queen of England at Windsor." That's refreshing to our Republican simplicity. Think of the American masses paying court to such an establishment as that. But what shall we do with it when the services of the chief hostler are dispensed with?

The foundation of domestic happiness is faith in the virtue of woman. The foundation of political happiness is faith "Wouses, wate up !" exclaims the in the integrity of man. 'he foundation "b second it," hipsi forth a squeabing Marolysion, and an indolens fural editor of all happiness, temporal and eternal, is adds: "Yes, and, d-s it, turn out and faith in the goodness, the rightcourness, the merey and the love of God.